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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Local governments require two qualities in the cable companies that serve them and their residents – responsiveness and supportiveness. As executive director of the 40-member Capital Region Council of Governments (CapCOG) and as a former elected borough council official, I can professionally say that Comcast excels at both.

Because municipal governments are the franchising authorities in Pennsylvania, residents often contact local public officials with questions or technical issues for resolution. Comcast representatives have a long history of following up with those residents promptly and addressing any issue they may have in a professional manner. They then advise the locality of their results. In short, Comcast's dedication makes elected and appointed officials look good !

Comcast has supported the Capital Region COG's mission of promoting inter-municipal cooperation and communication for the mutual benefit of all members. Comcast is a trusted business partner that keeps our members up to date on technology issues and facilitating the dialog that helps all of us succeed.

Of particular interest, it should be noted that Comcast faces significant competition in Central Pennsylvania, from both wired and satellite providers. I am happy to report that Comcast stands apart from its competitors as a responsible, responsive provider.

As executive director of a large municipal consortium in an area served by Comcast, it will be beneficial to COGs in markets served by Time Warner to benefit from a transaction of two exemplary companies. Please allow my fellow community leaders elsewhere in the country to have the same productive experience we have had here in Capital Region. I urge your support of the Comcast-Time Warner merger.

Respectfully,

Ann Simonetti
Executive Director
Capital Region Council of Governments